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Dr. Lloyd,

As I believe you are aware, Bentley Prince Street fully supports Governor Schwarzenegger's Executive Order to establish new reduced greenhouse gas targets for California. We believe this is one of the most critical issues facing our state today. It is the responsibility of all of us who live and work in California to join together to develop innovative solutions to protect our environment and our economy.

We take this responsibility very seriously. For true progress to be made in reaching the Governor's targets, we firmly believe the public and private sectors must work closely together to pursue common goals. As California's largest commercial carpet manufacturer, we feel it is our responsibility to take an active role in helping educate our fellow businesses and encourage them to recognize this issue, its importance to our environment and our state's economy and, most importantly, take action.

Our recent announcement (attached) publicly pledges our support for this important initiative as well as announces our goal to make all our products climate neutral by 2010. We hope our announcement will help persuade our fellow businesses in the state to take a serious look at every aspect of their operations and business model to determine how they too can do their part in reducing GHG emissions.

We also understand that the Governor's Climate Action Initiative includes the formation of a Climate Action Team that you will be coordinating. We would like to offer our support to you and your Team in the months ahead. While I don't know if you will include any type of industry representation in this Team, we would be happy to participate in any way that would add value and help achieve these new goals.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this critical issue in more depth with you. I would also like to invite you to visit our mill in Southern California, where 100% of our electrical energy requirements are renewable. Please let me know how any of us at Bentley Prince Street can be of value to you as you pursue solutions for this critical initiative.

Regards,

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Bentley Prince Street Joins California's Fight Against Global Warming

California's Largest Commercial Carpet Manufacturer Announces Goal to Make All Products Climate Neutral by 2010

LOS ANGELES, CA – [June 14, 2005] -- Bentley Prince Street, California's largest commercial carpet manufacturer, announced today its full support of Governor Schwarzenegger's new Executive Order calling for reduced greenhouse gas (GHG) emission targets for the state. The company also declared its goal to develop new protocols that will make all its products "climate neutral," with net zero GHG emissions, by 2010.

"As California's largest commercial carpet manufacturer, we believe it's our responsibility to develop new innovations that preserve our environment. At the same time, we also must take an active role in educating and catalyzing our fellow businesses in the state to join in the effort," said Anthony Minite, president of Bentley Prince Street. "We fully endorse Governor Schwarzenegger's new targets and applaud his efforts to address this critical issue. We'll be at the forefront of leading California's fight against climate change and global warming, and strongly urge all our business neighbors to do the same."

This new goal is the latest step in Bentley Prince Street's aggressive environmental sustainability programs. Since 1996, the company has reduced absolute GHG emissions by 70% through a strategy that encompasses manufacturing processes, product innovations and renewable energy use. For example, increasing manufacturing process efficiencies – as well as creating new energy-efficient manufacturing systems – has resulted in a 33% reduction in energy use per unit of product output over the last 10 years. Bentley Prince Street also offers a Cool Carpet™ option on all its products. By selecting this option, clients purchase "climate neutral" products, meaning that the GHG emissions emitted during the life cycle of the product are offset or balanced through the purchase of certified emission reduction credits (ERCs).

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GHG emissions also are reduced through effective use of renewable energy. Currently, 100% of Bentley Prince Street's electrical energy requirements are made renewable through the purchase of Green Tags and the purchase of green energy directly from the grid. The company also has an on-site 100 kwh photovoltaic solar array that provides a portion of the electrical energy required for manufacturing processes.

Bentley Prince Street was the first charter partner in the California Climate Action Registry (CCAR) and was named the first Climate Action Leader™ of 2004. Bentley Prince Street also was the first CCAR member to certify its GHG emissions inventory with a third party and publicly report them through the Registry. Partnering with the Registry to track and reduce GHG emissions supports the company's goal to become a sustainable company that will eventually become a restorative enterprise that leads other Californians forward on the path to sustainability.

About Bentley Prince Street

Based in Los Angeles County, California, Bentley Prince Street is a leading manufacturer of commercial carpet for corporate, healthcare, hospitality, institutional, residential and retail interiors. All Bentley Prince Street brands are defined by leadership in product design, style, customer service and sustainable practices. Bentley Prince Street is continually searching for improvements to compete successfully in a more environmentally aware marketplace and to be an industry leader in the movement towards sustainable commerce. Bentley Prince Street is a part of Interface, Inc., a global provider of floorcoverings and textiles for commercial interiors. For more information, please visit www.bentleyprincestreet.com

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